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In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Trice amended) A compound 8 to 50 nucleobases in length targeted to nucleobases 31 through 110 of a 5'-untranslated region, nucleobases 121 through 150 of a start codon region, nucleobases 1600 through 1620 of a stop codon region, or nucleobases 1631 through 1769 of a 3'-untranslated region of a nucleic acid molecule encoding cholesteryl ester transfer protein (SEQ ID NO: 3), wherein said compound specifically hybridizes with one of said regions and inhibits the expression of cholesteryl ester transfer protein.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-15 are pending in the instant application. Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-15 have been rejected. Claim 1 has been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

I. Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claims 1, 2, 4-10 and 12-15 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Liu et al., or Drayna et al., in